GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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COOCH-BEHAR AIRPORT
AMAR ROY PRADHAN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) since when the Cooch-Behar Airport is completely closed;

(b) whether requests have been received by the Government to make this airport operational;

(c) if so, the reasons for failing in making this airport operational even after incurring heavy expenditure; and

(d) by when the Government proposes to make it operational and start flights for Bagdogra/Kolkata?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a)The airport has been closed since 2002.

(b) & (c)Requests have been received for making this airport operational. However, no airline has projected any requirement for operation from this airport.

(d)Airlines plan their operations for any sector on the basis of commercial and operational viability subject to route dispersal guidelines issued by the Government.